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Award winning western singer to perform at Trail Center

BAKER CITY, OR. – Award winning western singer and songwriter Mary Kaye Knaphus will perform six presentations at the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center on Aug. 1 and 2, at 10:30 a.m., noon and 2 p.m. each day.

Mary Kaye was recognized by the Western Music Association as Female Performer of the Year and Songwriter of the Year for 2013 in addition to numerous other awards she has received for her songwriting and recordings. She tours extensively around the western US performing music about life, culture, and traditions of the West. Her singing and songwriting have been highly praised by critics for her dynamic singing abilities and the authenticity of her music.

Her "Spirit of the West" program at the Trail Center is 50 minutes of solo acoustic music featuring songs inspired by western life and landscapes. Her presentations are sponsored by Trail Tenders.

The Trail Center is located five miles east of Baker City, Oregon on Highway 86. Take Exit 302 from I-84. The Center is currently open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Admission for adults is \$8.00; for seniors it's \$4.50; children 15 and under are admitted for free. Federal passes are accepted. Call (541) 523-1843 for updates on programs and events. For more information about the Trail Center visit www.oregontrail.blm.gov.

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